

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (*Currently amended*) A trench wall cutter for cutting trenches of rectangular cross-section in the ground in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench wall cutter having a cutting device comprising:

- ~~at least one~~ first, second, third, and fourth cutting wheel wheels drivable in rotary manner, wherein the first and second cutting wheels are arranged in a first pair in rotary manner about a first common rotation axis, the third and fourth cutting wheels are arranged in a second pair in rotary manner about a second common rotation axis, and the first and second common rotation axes are parallel to each other, and
- at least one first cutting element, located on ~~the~~ each cutting wheel, for removing soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction, wherein
- on ~~the~~ each cutting wheel is provided at least one second cutting element for removing soil material in an oppositely directed, second rotation direction,
- at least one of the cutting elements on each cutting wheel is displaceably mounted between a first position for removing soil material and a retracted, second position and
- a control device is provided for the displacement of the cutting elements between the first position and the second position.

2. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the first cutting element and the second cutting element are displaceable.
3. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 2, wherein the second cutting element can be displaced into the other position by the control device during the displacement of the first cutting element.
4. *(Canceled)*
5. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device is operable by a force exerted by the outcropping ground during rotary operation.
6. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device has at least one pivoted lever positioned on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel.
7. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has a pivot axis provided parallel to a rotation axis of the cutting wheel.

8. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever is constructed symmetrically to the pivot axis.
9. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the first and second cutting elements are arranged pairwise on the pivoted lever.
10. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has at least one stop which engages on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel for limiting a control path of the pivoted lever.
11. *(Previously presented)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the cutting elements is a cutting tooth with a unilaterally formed cutting edge.
- 12-13. *(Canceled)*
14. *(New)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, further comprising a frame and bearing plates, wherein the cutting wheels are fixed in rotary manner to the frame by respective bearing plates.
15. *(New)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 14, wherein the frame is constructed as a support plate.

16. (New) The trench wall cutter according to claim 14, wherein the cutting wheels include laterally pivotable hinged teeth arranged circumferentially thereon for stripping the soil below the bearing plates.

17. (New) A cutting device for cutting trenches of rectangular cross-section in the ground in order to carry out underground construction work, the cutting device comprising:

- first, second, third, and fourth cutting wheels drivable in rotary manner, wherein the first and second cutting wheels are arranged in a first pair in rotary manner about a first common rotation axis, the third and fourth cutting wheels are arranged in a second pair in rotary manner about a second common rotation axis, and the first and second common rotation axes are parallel to each other, and
- at least one first cutting element, located on each cutting wheel, for removing soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction, wherein
- on each cutting wheel is provided at least one second cutting element for removing soil material in an oppositely directed, second rotation direction,
- at least one of the cutting elements on each cutting wheel is displaceably mounted between a first position for removing soil material and a retracted, second position and
- a control device is provided for the displacement of the cutting elements between the first position and the second position.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings replaces the original sheet including Figure 1, and adds reference numeral 17 and lead lines therefor to identify the bearing plates recited in new claim 14.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet